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1. IN REFERRING TO OUR DEMARCHES ON INFRASTRUCTURE AUGEMENTATION, LA ROCCA, DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR TO P/M, SAID ANDREOTTI HAD HAD PERTINENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON LAST DECEMBER WITH SIMON. THE IMPORT OF THE ANDREOTTI SUGGESTION HAD BEEN TO FIND A WAY TO "STRETCH OUT" THE PAYMENT FOR MILITARY MATERIAL WHICH ITALY NOW BUYS FROM THE UNITED STATES. (THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT SUCH A PROPOSAL.) WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED PRESUMABLY IS TRANSFERRING ITALY FROM THE FMS CASH TO THE CREDIT CATEGORY, THEREBY FREEING UP FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE NEAR TERM AND PERMIT ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE AUGEMENTATION AND NATO AEW PROGRAMS.

2. THE ANDREOTTI NOTION HAS A RING OF PLAUSIBILITY. WE FEAR HOWEVER THAT LEGISLATIVE LIMITATIONS ON FMS CREDIT SALES OR DEFINITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY ESTABLISHED IN MORE PROSPEROUS TIMES MAY PRECLUDE IT. NONETHELESS THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IN PREPARING A RESPONSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER.GARDNER

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